



Second Annual Conference of the Balkan Sociological Forum

Close but Unknown Neighbors: Balkan Sociological Perspectives

November 9-10, 2012, Sofia

November 9, 2012, Aula Magna of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

9.00-9.30

Registration

9.30-10.00

Opening of the Conference and Welcome Addresses

Svetla KOLEVA, President of Bulgarian Sociological Association

Ivan ILCHEV, Rector of Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

Rumiana STOILOVA, Director of the Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge,
Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

10.00-11.15

Plenary Session

Moderator: **Maya GREKOVA**

Roberto CIPRIANI, President of the European Sociological Association Council of National
Sociological Associations

The Future of European Sociology

Lekë SOKOLI, President of the Balkan Sociological Forum

**Considering Change and Progress in the Balkan Context: Old and New
Challenges**

Petar-Emil MITEV, *Ivan Hadjiyski* Institute for Social Values and Structures, Sofia, &
Svetla KOLEVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia

The Balkans in the Sociological Perspective

11.15-11.40

Coffee Break

11.40-12.30

Plenary Session (continued)

Georgy FOTEV, Professor Emeritus of New Bulgarian University, Sofia

The End of Balkanization

François SOULAGES, University Paris 8/H2H & Retina.International

**A Critical Questioning on the Concept of Balkanization: Is the Concept of
Balkanization Essentially Ideological or, on the Contrary, Theoretical-Critical?**

The working languages of the conference will be English and Bulgarian.
Translation between these two languages will be provided during the plenary session.



13.00-14.00	Lunch (Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)
14.00-16.00	Thematic Sessions (six)
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-19.30	Thematic Sessions (continued)
20.00	Cocktail

November 10, 2012, Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

9.00-10.30 Organizational Session of the Balkan Sociological Forum

- **Lekë SOKOLI**, President of the BSF Report
- Discussion about future collaboration and exchange of the BSF with national sociological associations, with the International Association of French-speaking Sociologists and the Research Group of Gilles Rouet

Marc-Henry SOULET, Vice-president of the International Association of French-speaking Sociologists – Presentation of AISLF

Serge DUFOULON, University *Pierre Mendès France*, Grenoble, **Gilles ROUET**, University Paris Descartes/KEKS, Banska Bystrica/French Institute in Bulgaria, **François SOULAGES**, University Paris 8/H2H & Retina.International & **Ivaylo DICHEV**, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski* –Presentation of the Project „Esthetisation of public space”, 2013 (Sofia-Kosice-Paris)

Vladimir DIMITROV, Deputy Director of the Institute of Organic Chemistry with Centre of Phytochemistry, & **Simeon ANGELOV**, Member of the Cabinet of the President of BAS – UNESCO-supported Balkan Networks in the Field of Natural Sciences: Phytochemistry and Chemistry of Natural Products as a Means of Sustainable Development and Economic Growth; Possibilities for Cooperation with the Social Sciences

- Election of the new Representative Council of the BSF

10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-13.00	Thematic Panels (five)
13.00–13.30	Closing Session

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14.30 – 18.00	Organizational Session of the XIII Congress of the Bulgarian Sociological Association
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THEMATIC SESSIONS

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14.00-16.00	Thematic Sessions (six)
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-19.30	Thematic Sessions (continued)

Balkan Societies: Heritages and Modernizations

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Jacques L. BOUCHER

Patricia VANNIER, University of Toulouse, France

Varna, 1970: Bulgaria Welcomes International Sociology for the 7th ISA Congress

Strasko STOJANOVSKI, University *Goce Delcev*, Shtip, Macedonia

Territorial Bases of Balkan Nationalism: The Case of Late Ottoman Macedonia

Magdalini VAMPA, University *F. S. Noli*, Korca, Albania

Culture and Leadership

Teodora KAMELSKA, New Bulgarian University/Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria, & **Galina GONCHAROVA**, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Bulgaria

Images of Socialism in a Biographical Context: The Religious Perspective on the Recent Past in Bulgaria and Romania

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Jonida LAMAJ

Esilda LUKU, University *Aleksander Moisiu*, Durres, Albania

A Viewpoint on the Denial of the Religious Beliefs and the Albanian Communist State in 1967

Kiril KIRILOV, South-West University *Neophit Rilski*, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Religious, Traditional, and Cultural Heritage of Bulgarians in Modernizing Societies. Sociological Studies – a „Catalyst” for Unifying the Balkans

Jonid KAZANI, Albanian Power Corporation & **Denisa MERTIRI**, Albania

Blood Feuds, a Medieval Reflection on Modern Times, a Return or a Misuse of the Phenomenon?

Sunaj RAIMI, University of Tetovo, Macedonia

The Albanians’ Culture of Inter-religious Tolerance. The Case of Gjergj Elez Alia

Esmeralda SELITA, University of Arts, Tirana, Albania

Diversities and Similarity – Political-Social Factors of the Reception of Modern Drama in the Balkan Theatre, before and after the Decline of Communism (Case Study: Theatres in Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia)

Gjorgji TONOVSKI, FON University, Skopje, Macedonia

Are the Balkans still the “Bloody” Balkans?



Global Social Order, States, Political Practices, Citizens

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Ali PAJAZITI

Enis FITA, Kristal University, Tirana, Albania

Transformation of the Concept of Global Security after the End of the Cold War

Denis CELCIMA FEJZAJ, University *Aleksander Moisiu*, Durres, Albania

Eu Democracy Promotion and the Need for Reforms in Albania

Olsi BAZE, Kristal University, Tirana, Albania

The Role of the Albanian Factor in the EU Integration Process

Halim BAJRAKTARI, University of Prizren, Kosovo & **Savina BARI**, Quincy College, USA

Functioning of the Regional Institutions in the Democratization Process as a Guarantor of Social Order in the Balkans

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Ivo HRISTOV

Saimir OSMANI, Institute of European Studies, Tirana, Albania

The Political Crisis in the Region during the 20th Century

Oltion KADAIFCIU, Kristal University, Tirana, Albania

Some Opinions on the Nature of the Political Cleavages in Albania

Ali PAJAZITI, South-East European University, Tetovo, Macedonia

Cultural Tensions as Challenges of Post-Transitional Society: Carnival and Sport (2012) as Fragmentation Tools

Jouko NIKULA, Finnish Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland

Civil Attitudes on Environment in Serbia

Jonuz ABDULLAI, South-East European University, Tetovo, Macedonia

Interethnic Relations in Transitional Macedonia

Loreta TOZAJ, University *Ismail Qemali*, Vlora, Albania

Albanian Citizenship and the Long Road to European Citizenship

Emilian M. DOBRESCU, Department of Economics, Laws and Sociology, & **Edith DOBRE**, National Economic Research Institute, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Bucharest, Romania

Three Creative Forces of the Planet



The Contemporary Economic Crisis: Policies, Strategies, Solutions

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Lekë SOKOLI

Vassil KIROV & Ekaterina MARKOVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Crisis and Vulnerability

Merita XHUMARI, University of Tirana, Albania

The Impact of EU Integration in the Balkans Welfare States

Galina KOLEVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Problems and Possibilities in the Field of Business

Vaeld ZHEZHA & Eriona KATRO, Albanian University, Tirana, Albania

Market Regulation in Albania from the First Years of Transition until Today

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Mihail MIRCHEV

Kamelia PETKOVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Success through the Eyes of a Roma Businessman in Times of Economic Crisis

Rumiana BUDJEVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

The Consequences of Economic and Social Crisis Seen through the Eyes of Children

Lediana XHAKOLLARI, University *Luigj Gurakuqi*, Shkodra, Albania

Quality of Work Life and Opportunity for Career Growth (The Case of Mental Health Workers in Albania)

Migena KAPLLANAJ, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

Community's and Beneficiaries' Perceptions of Social Services in Albania

Gazmend ZENELI, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania & **Jonida TARAJ**, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania & **Haki KOLA**, Netherlands Development Organization, Prishtina, Kosovo

„The Boundary Does Not Twist”: A Historical and Sociological Overview of the Community Forestry in Albania

Nevila KOCOLLARI & Thomaida XHOXHAI, University of Tirana, Albania

„Forgetful” Sociologies of Yesterday and Albanians' Capital Epoch. Human Behavior

Jorde JAKIMOVSKI, University *Ss. Cyril and Methodius*/Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research, Skopje, Macedonia

Sociology of the Labor Force



Mobility and Social Inequalities

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Rumiana STOILOVA

Adrian DUSA, University of Bucharest, Romania

Accessing Social Science Research Data in Eastern Europe: Opportunities and Challenges

Serge DUFOULON, University *Pierre Mendès France*, Grenoble, France

The Salmon Swim Upstream Dams Well: The Border Mobility, and Exchanges

Kire SHARLAMANOV, International Balkan University, Skopje, Macedonia

Mobility and Social Inequalities in Macedonia

Tzoch ZLATKOV, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Social Mobility Patterns in the Period of Crucial Change

Eglantina HYSA, Epoka University, Tirana, Albania

Correlation between Inequality and Human Development in Albania

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Adrian DUSA

Valentina MILENKOVA, South-West University *Neophit Rilski*, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Educational Achievements and Well-being

Xhuljeta KRASTA, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

Gender Inequality and Transition Politics in Southeast Europe

Mihai Dinu GHEORGHIU, University *Alexandru I. Cuza*, Iasi, Romania/Centre for European Sociology and Political Science, Paris, France

The Mobility of Romanian Academic Elites: The Test of European Construction

Eralda ZHILLA, University of Tirana, Albania

Herzberg's Motivation Hygiene Theory and the Job Characteristics Model in Albanian Universities: The Main Effect of Pay Satisfaction

Irena NIKAJ, Aleksandra PILURI, Mariela BURDA & Donika DARDHA, University of Korca, Albania

Trajectories of Individual and Societal Changes through Transition

Dimitar BLAGOEV, University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Sofia, Bulgaria

Status Changes and/or Mobility? The Case of Small Towns



**Transformations of Identities and Social Relationships
in the Balkans**

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Mariana DRAGANOVA

Gilles ROUET, GEPECS, University Paris Descartes, France/KEKS, Banska Bystrica, Slovakia/French Institute in Bulgaria

Walls and Gates: Boundaries and Identities

Ljubiša MITROVIC & Gordana STOJIC, University of Niš, Serbia

Contemporary Sociological Research of Culture, Ethnic Relations, and Identities in the Balkans

Krastina PETKOVA & Pepka BOYADJIEVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Emotions and National Identity in a Comparative Perspective: Bulgaria, Albania, and Germany

Zamira CAVO, Dorian JANO & Fatjona QURKU, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

Troublesome Identities or a Question of 'Order'? Nationalism vs. Polity Scepticism in the Balkans

Reis MULITA, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

Empowering Balkan Neighbors through Good Knowledge and Innovative Communication

Liliana DEYANOVA, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Bulgaria

Balkan Places of Memory and European Memory Laws (A Debate in 2011-2012 in Bulgaria, Macedonia and Beyond)

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Christina STANDERFER

Kanakis LELEDAKIS, Hellenic Sociological Society, Greece

Identities, Economic Crisis and Social Reproduction in Greece

Ioanna-Stamatina PANAGIOTAKOPOULOU, University of Cassino, Italy

Identity Traits and Social Cohesion of Leadership at the Workplace. Traditional and New Perspectives in Our Time

Mirela SINANI, University of Tirana, Albania

Language as the Existential Way of Peoples through the Vortex of Complex Integrative Developments: From the Definition of Language as Main Element of National Identity to that as Main Way of Communication between Peoples

Dilina BESHIRI, University *Aleksander Moisiu*, Durres & **Edi PUKA**, European University of Tirana, Albania

Female Identity. The Albanian Women between Tradition and Transformation

Anastasia-Valentine RIGAS, University of Crete, Greece

Social Representations of Greek Graduate Students Regarding their National and European Identity



Jorida RUSTEMI, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

A Study of Albanians' Attitudes toward Serbs

Svetlozar KIRILOV, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Bulgaria

Integration of the Roma – „Mission Impossible”?

Education and Youth

14.00-16.00

Moderator: Pierre LENEL

Jani SOTA, University *Aleksander Moisiu*, Durres, Albania

Globalization and Education for All: The Challenge of the 21st Century

Eurona LEKA, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

The Bologna Process in a Comparative Perspective: Albania in the Balkan and European Context

Robert DIMITROVSKI, FSS Skopje University, Macedonia & **Mariya AVRAMOVSKA**, Amikfarm, Skopje, Macedonia

Education as a Bridge between Balkan Countries

Ermioni CEKANI, Institute of Sociology of Albania & **Erdina CEKANI**, University of Tirana, Albania

Problematics of Teachers in Albania Including the Wider Balkan Context

16.30-19.30

Moderator: Jani SOTA

Natyra AGANI, University of Prishtina, Kosovo

Student's Perceptions of School Violence, Bullying, and School Safety in an Emerging Democracy: Experiences of Albanian and Serbian Children in the Republic of Kosovo

Ledia KASHAHU, University *Aleksander Moisiu*, Durres, Albania

Social Justice in Parent-teacher Relations and Academic Achievement of Teenagers. Opportunities for Change Based on the New Law of Education in Albania

Isidor KOTI, University of Elbasan, Albania

School Education and Some of the Intervention Techniques for Success in the Future

Esmeralda BIRCAJ, Special School, Vlora, **Aranit GJIPALI**, University *Ismail Qemali*, Vlora, & **Mirela SPIRO**, Gymnasium *Ali Demi*, Vlora, Albania

Drawing as a Helpful and Healthy Teaching Tool for Children with Disabilities

Ardita ABDULLI, State University, Tetovo, Macedonia

The Social Consequences of the Use of Narcotic Substances among Adolescents in Tetovo

Evaggelia KALERANTE, University West Macedonia, Greece

University Level Educational Policy in Economic Crisis: Observations and Interpretations by Albanian Immigrant University Students



THEMATIC PANELS
November 10, 2012, 11.00-13.00

Hotel of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and Institute for Bulgarian Language

Visible and Invisible Minorities in the Balkans

Moderator: Maya GREKOVA

Elona BANO, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana, Albania

Minorities in the Balkans – Contribution, Mobility, and Inequality

Corina IOSIF, Folklore Archive Institute, Romanian Academy of Sciences, Cluj, Romania

From the „Nation” to the „Ethnos”: Identity Politics in the Aromanian Case

Challenges to Public Governance in the Balkan Countries:

Peculiarities of the Interaction between Public Authorities, Business, and NGOs

Moderator: Tatiana TOMOVA

Jonida LAMAJ, University *Martin Barleti*, Tirana & **Oltion PENGU**, Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination, Council of Ministers, Albania

Joint Initiatives for Regional Development on Social Institution Support

Antony GALABOV, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Modernization of Public Administration in the Balkans

Geogri DIMITROV, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Bulgaria

Beyond the Vicious Circle of the Impossible Reform in Public Administration

Hristo ATANASOV, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*, Bulgaria

The Interaction between Administration, Market and Civil Society as a Part of the Good Governance

Balkan Crossroads: Strategies, Routes, and Adaptation
of Trans-national Migrants

Moderator: Krastyo PETKOV

Hasan JASHARI, South-East European University, Tetovo, Macedonia

Sociological View of the New Phenomena of Emigration in the Balkans

Kiril KERTIKOV, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

From Being a Target of Potential Counter-terrorism, Bulgaria Has Turned into One of Real Counter-terrorism

Yoan HRISTOV, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Social Assessment of Integration Policies for Macedonian Immigrants in Bulgaria

Anna KRASTEVA, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Beyond Borders: Balkan Migration Policies and Individual Strategies

Temenuga RAKADJIISKA, University for National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Bulgarian and Romanian Migrant Labour Realization on the European Labour Market

NB! This session will be held on November 9, 2012, 14.00-16.00 at the Institute for Bulgarian Language.



Disloyal Practices and Risky Perspectives on Empirical Sociology

Moderators: Mihail MIRCHEV & Ekaterina MARKOVA

Discussion topics

Mihail MIRCHEV, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria & **Svetlana SEYKOVA**, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Problems in Measurement - Challenges to Professionalism

Ekaterina MARKOVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria & **Vyara STOILOVA**, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Unfair Practices and Upholding the Prestige and the Subject of Sociology

Panel Discussion

How to bring quality standards in the research field – not only in political elections, but also in civilian expertise on policy dialogue in key areas of society?

With the participation of

Michail MIRCHEV, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Ekaterina MARKOVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Svetlana SEYKOVA, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia, Bulgaria

Vyara STOILOVA, University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

Kaloyan HARALAMPIEV, Sofia University *St. Kliment Ohridski*

Julius PAVLOV, DAC, Sofia

Krasimir KALINOV, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Sociology of Science & Technology Perspective to the Balkan Countries' Development

Moderator: Ivan TCHALAKOV

Ivan TCHALAKOV, Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Sofia & University of Plovdiv *Paisii Hilendarski*, Bulgaria

The Amateur's Action in Science

Mimi VASSILEVA, University of Plovdiv *Paisii Hilendarski*, Bulgaria

Marketing the Results of Applied Research: Doing Technology Transfer in a Bulgarian University

Tihomir MITEV, University of Plovdiv *Paisii Hilendarski*, Bulgaria

Teaching Science and Technology Studies in Bulgaria

Veneta MITEVA & Kadrie SELIMOVA, University of Plovdiv *Paisii Hilendarski*, Bulgaria

Astronomy as a Form of Life

Yuliya RUZHINA, University of Plovdiv *Paisii Hilendarski*, Bulgaria

Science – Business Relationships: Lessons from a University Innovation Incubator